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MEDIA RELEASE

FIRE CHIEF NAMED TO iWOMEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Smyrna Fire Department is proud to announce that on May 1, 2014, the International Association of Women in Fire & Emergency Services (iWomen) Board of Trustees elected Smyrna Fire Chief Paige Day as the Southeastern Division Trustee.

Chief Day started with the Smyrna Fire Department in January 2014 after serving as Assistant Chief with a department near Houston, TX. Day is only the eighth full-time Fire Chief and the first female Fire Chief to head the department since the city was incorporated in 1872. Chief Day has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Public Safety Administration and a Master's Degree in Executive Fire Service Leadership from Grand Canyon University. She is pursuing a Doctoral Degree in Organizational Development and Leadership and is focusing her dissertation on the phenomenological inquiry of the Lived Experience of Social Exclusion of Women Firefighters by Male Peers.

Out of 77 sworn personnel, Day is one of only two female firefighters currently working for the Smyrna Fire Department.

"I consider the appointment to the iWomen Board of Trustees both an honor and a privilege. I look forward to serving the members as a mentor and role model, while supporting them through the current and future challenges they face. By increasing education on the importance of a more inclusive environment, I believe we can make a significant contribution to the success of the fire department. I am humbled to be selected as a member of such an esteemed panel," said Day.

Day will now represent firefighters in Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, and Puerto Rico as Southeastern Division Trustee. Additional information about iWomen can be found at: WWW.I-WOMEN.ORG.

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